(a) whether Government has received any proposal to increase the pension of freedom fighters and their families;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken so far especially for Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Government has been receiving requests for increasing the basic amount of Central Samman Pension, from individual freedom fighters or their organizations, from time to time. The amount of basic pension has been increased from Rs. 3000/- per month to Rs. 4000/- per month *w.e.f.* 15.8.2005 and from 4000/- per month to 6330/- per month *w.e.f.* 2.10.2006. At present there is no proposal to revise the basic pension. The amount of pension paid to freedom fighters from Andhra Pradesh is same as that being paid to other freedom fighters.

Permanent citizenship to Taslima Nasreen

†3016. SHRI BALBIR PUNJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Taslima Nasreen, a writer from Bangladesh, has applied for permanent citizenship in India;

(b) if so, Government's opinion in this regard;

(c) whether visa given to Taslima Nasreen was valid only up to 17th August;

(d) whether Government has increased visa period; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) The visa of Ms. Taslima Nasreen has been extended by the Government for a period of six months from 18.08.2009 to 17.02.2010.

Women inmates lodged in prisons

3017. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States where women inmates are housed in prisons exclusively built for them;

(b) whether Centre has given any directions to the States in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per the statistics complied by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), as on 31.12.2007, there were 12 States *viz.* Andhra

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.